

## MEDIA STATEMENT

30 September 2021

### LIMPOPO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EXCO) SEPTEMBER STATEMENT

Limpopo Provincial Government Executive Council held its virtual meeting on the 29th September 2021. The following issues were discussed and decisions were taken as follows:

#### Koba-Tlala Programme

The Executive Council approved the rollout of the Koba-Tlala programme in the Limpopo Province, with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (LDARD) as the lead department to provide oversight on the implementation. This is a Department of Defense (DOD) initiative which aims at ensuring the development of sustainable communities through the development of Agricultural Hubs to uplift women, youth and people with disabilities in rural areas closer to military establishments.

DOD will collaborate with agricultural organizations led by LDARD to assist in the development of subsistence and smallholder farmers to reduce poverty in rural areas, amongst others. Furthermore, local procurement will contribute to economic growth of small businesses, township and rural economies. The Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will be supported by Office of the Premier and all five District Municipalities in the Province.

#### Provincial World AIDS Day 2021 Commemoration

The Executive Council approved the Provincial World AIDS Day 2021 commemoration framework to be held on the 01st December 2021. The framework outlined in detail the nature and character of commemorating the 2021 Provincial World AIDS Day (WAD) on the 1st December 2021 and the build-up activities from the 1st to 30th November 2021.

WAD will be held in hybrid form with attendance of not more than 50 people.

Limpopo is targeting men, adolescents and youth, people with disabilities, older persons as well as key and vulnerable populations as part of promoting "Cheka Impilo Campaign". This will be combined with presentation messages on STIs, TB, GBV&F and COVID in the communities. As part of the build-up activities, all District Municipalities in collaboration with the Local House of Traditional Leaders will coordinate the WAD events targeting 50 people to promote "Cheka Impilo Campaign."

#### Payment of Invoices within 30 Days

A report on the payment of invoices within 30 days by Provincial Departments as at the 31st August 2021 was presented to the Executive Council meeting. EXCO noted the report with the following highlights:

- The percentage of invoices paid by Provincial Departments within the prescribed 30 days of receipt shows that during the month of August 2021, compliance with Section 38 (1) (f) of the PFMA was at 97.04%, which is 2.96% below the 100% compliance rate set for all departments;
- The 97.04% compliance rate is also informed by invoices older 30 days which were on hand and not paid at the end of August 2021;
- Only CoGHSTA, LEDET, Office of the Premier and Provincial Treasury have achieved the 100% compliance rate for August 2021; and
- In the 30-day payment reports submitted by Departments, it was reported that invoices paid in excess of the prescribed 30 days, in August 2021 amounted to R64.714 million. There were invoices amounting to R13.672 million which are older than 30 days that were not settled as at end of August 2021.

#### Recognition of Senior Traditional Leaders

The Executive Council has approved the recognition of the following Senior Traditional Leaders in terms of Section 8(2)(a)(d) of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act, 2019 (Act No.3 of 2019):

Recognition of Khosi Netshimbupfe Mulaḡedzi as Senior Traditional Leader of Tshimbupfe Traditional Community.

Recognition of Hosi Muhlava Ribye Earthy as Senior Traditional Leader of Nkuna Traditional Community.

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